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OTHER VIRAL INFECTIONS BY
MODULATING CERAMIDE METABOLISM

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Final Office action dated January 5, 2011. Applicants believe that no fees are required for consideration and entry of this paper. Nevertheless, Applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under order no. 59526(47992). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.